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SUBJ: RANKING OF POLITBURO MEMBERS

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1. TURNOUT OF THE TOP PRC LEADERSHIP FOR THE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION
LED BY POL POT HAS PROVIDED FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 11TH PARTY
CONGRESS A RANKING OF SOME POLITBURO MEMBERS IN PROTOCOL RATHER
THAN STROKE ORDER. FOLLOWING HUA KUO-FENG AND THE
FOUR PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN ARE CHI TENG-KUEI, WU TEH, KENG PIAO,
AND FANG YI.

2. COMMENT: RANKING OF KENG PIAO AND FANG YI BEHIND PEKING
PARTY BOSS WU YEH IS RATHER SURPRISING, GIVEN THE ALMOST
UNIVERSAL ASSUMPTION THAT WU TEH IS UNDER A CLOUD FOR HIS PAST
OPPOSITION TO REHABILITATION OF TENG HSIAO-PING. THIS RANKING
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GOES DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO OBSERVATIONS MADE EARLIER TO
CONGENOFFS BY FEI I-MIN (REFTEL), WHO SAID THAT HE HAD
SEEN A LIST ON WHICH KENG AND FANG RANKED JUST BEHIND
THE LAST PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN WANG TUNG-HSING. FEI'S
OTHER OBSERVATIONS AND PREDICTIONS ALSO SEEM OPEN TO
DOUBT; WHERE FEI SAID THAT FORMER SINKIANG
MR COMMANDER YANG YUNG WAS "COMING TO CANTON", YANG HAS NOW

TURNED UP AS A NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

3. AN EXPECTED TURNOUT OF PRC LEADERS FOR NATIONAL DAY
OBSERVANCES MAY FURTHER CLARIFY POLITBURO RANKINGS.
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